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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER

1. I TALKED ON AUGUST 27 WITH ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER GENERAL MACEDO, WHO CONFIRMED A REPORT I HAD HEARD THAT THE MPLA AND UNITA PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL MEMBERS, LOPO DO NASCIMENTO AND JOSE N'DELE, WERE MEETING IN LISBON TO TRY AND FIND SOME COMMON GROUND FOR A CEASE FIRE AND MODUS OPERANDI.

2. MACEDO SAID THAT THE CONMANDER OF THE PORTUGUESE NAVY IN ANGOLA, ADMIRAL LEONEL CARDOSO, HAS AN EXCELLENT CHANCE OF BEING CONFIRNED AS THE NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER. THE PORTUGUESE WILL SUSPEND, NOT DENOUNCE, THE ALVOR AGREEMENT AND WILL PUT DIRECTORS GENERAL IN CHARGE OF THOSE MINISTRIES WHICH AT THE MOMENT ARE WITHOUT MINISTERS. THE IDEA OF SUSPENDING THE ALVOR AGREEMENTS IS TO LEAVE THE DOOR OPEN FOR A RENEWAL OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT IF THINGS CAN BE WORKED OUT.

3. MACEDO SAID HE THINKS MPLA MIGHT HAVE MADE A STRATEGIC
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MISTAKE IN ATTACKING THE FNLA. HE FAVORS JONAS SAVIMBI'S

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THESIS THAT FNLA HAS A VERY LIMITED BASE, NO IDEOLOGY, NO ORGANIZATION AND NO LEADERS OF ANY TALENT WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF NGOLA KABANGU. IF LEFT ALONE, ARGUES SAVIMBI, FNLA WILL EVENTUALLY DIE OUT AS GOVERNMENT AND OTHER POLITPCAL PARTIES ESTABLISH THEMSELVES IN THE NORTH AND AS NEW LEADERS APPEAR. THE MPLA OFFENSIVE HAS STIRRED UP A HORNET'S NEST AND HOLDEN ROBERTO IS BENT ON REVENGE.

4. WITH RESPECT TO THE ALLEGED KIDNAPPING OF FNLA MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE MATEUS NETO, MACEDO SAID THAT BOTH NGOLA KABANGU AND COMMANDER BARREIROS HAD EXPRESSED DOUBT TO THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY THAT NETO HAD REALLY BEEN KIDNAPPED. KABANGU IMPLIED THAT HOLDEN ROBERTO, TOO, WAS NOT CONVINCED THAT NETO HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED.
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